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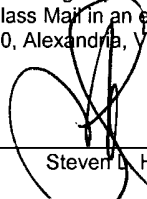
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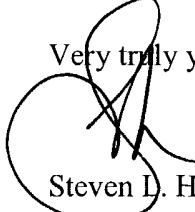
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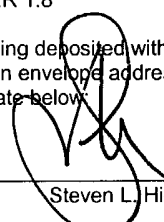
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2. I am the Donald L. Morton named as an inventor on the above-captioned application.
3. I am the Donald L. Morton named as a coauthor on Lucci *et al.*, "Carbon dye as an adjunct to isosulfan blue dye for sentinel lymph node dissection," *Surgery*, 126:48-53 (1999).

4. Anthony Lucci and Roderick R. Turner, coauthors of the Lucci *et al.* paper, merely provided technical assistance and were acting under my direction with regard to work reported in Lucci *et al.* (1999).
5. Thus, Lucci and Turner are non-inventor co-authors of the Lucci *et al.* paper and clearly did not make a conceptual contribution to the subject matter of that paper, and now claimed herein.
6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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